



## DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA APRIL 1985

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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Introduction**

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

**Seasonal adjustment**

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains a selection of original and seasonally adjusted historical data, in tabular and graphic form, the source for which are statistics appearing in the ABS's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

**Related publications**

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.80, \$4.60 incl. postage). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

**Symbols and other usages**

p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision  
n.a. not available

n.y.a. not yet available

— break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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### PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original
<i>1983-84</i>															
February	10,268	20,789	38.1	8,795	5.7	33,034	37,732	470	494	451	454	30.9	30.7	202	200
March	10,491	33.6	9,354	9,556	35,294	37,365	539	520	471	442	37.9	33.6	208	197	
April	7,915	24.6	8,796	9,477	33,181	36,521	468	503	408	427	26.7	31.8	152	183	
May	11,837	22,793	29.2	10,072	9,625	40,797	36,447	543	517	503	459	39.5	32.8	152	165
June	10,840	45.7	10,174	9,379	42,335	36,043	532	521	462	446	31.3	30.5	181	194	
<i>1984-85</i>															
July	11,305	22,580	41.9	11,108	9,755	46,095	36,456	565	522	482	453	37.9	33.2	194	190
August	11,788	39.7	10,726	9,624	42,394	36,793	535	506	503	475	40.6	34.0	231	192	
September	11,019	38.3	9,789	9,874	41,307	39,180	534	572	471	472	35.8	34.9	175	144	
October	12,981	40.3	9,722	9,729	38,541	39,545	546	547	488	470	37.6	33.2	199	160	
November	12,247	22,560	39.1	9,356	9,832	36,452	39,224	494	523	553	514	38.1	33.0	228	191
December	7,292	38.8	9,227	9,933	33,538	41,092	552	560	427	440	29.4	34.9	151	152	
January	8,581	35.6	9,384	10,249	31,802	38,957	511	497	330	500	11.8	34.3	88	210	
February	8,207	35.1	8,806	9,840	32,702	38,885	451	488	444	457	31.5	32.8	193	204	
March	n.y.a.	41.4	9,860	10,137	36,119	38,073	537	524	477	451	35.6	33.1	195	189	
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	9,346	10,036	33,468	36,737	494	518	447	464	28.9	33.3	155	185	

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains, includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

### PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m				Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(s)	White milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Stocks(d)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total	% of total receipts received by brokers(c)	Book value at end of quarter \$m	Original
<i>1983-84</i>															
February	2,603	2,596	1,085	920	12,899	13,069	166	164	385.0	440	492	44,289	75.8	34,389	34,391
March	3,656	3,077	966	895	14,794	13,293	166	163	386.1	381	505	48,080	73.0		
April	2,565	2,841	746	819	11,628	12,960	144	157	387.9	313	507	32,685	74.8		
May	3,515	3,251	920	904	13,011	11,872	175	161	390.1	293	535	35,264	77.8	(e) 35,196	(e) 35,308
June	3,918	3,279	716	794	15,132	12,862	174	190	392.2	282	558	34,377	76.8		
<i>1984-85</i>															
July	3,467	3,412	812	819	14,142	12,405	178	174	395.0	p144	p518	p43,878	p80.0		
August	3,169	2,646	866	846	14,695	12,979	171	165	397.0	p493	p489	p67,642	p81.4	36,379	36,195
September	3,462	3,046	811	868	14,109	13,443	155	147	398.2	p640	p483	p104,181	p81.3		
October	2,973	2,639	877	698	14,828	13,164	171	148	p399.5	p768	p466	p127,815	p79.9		
November	3,186	3,084	1,083	862	14,216	12,885	p164	p161	p399.7	p743	p487	p106,568	p77.2	36,787	36,857
December	2,767	3,423	623	762	10,845	13,600	p134	p153	p400.9	p687	p499	p58,644	p77.5		
January	685	1,890	555	831	3,136	7,712	p153	p162	p402.0	p599	p516	p51,369	p82.9		
February	2,766	2,920	976	898	12,840	13,477	p154	p161	p405.2	p437	p508	p74,841	p77.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
March	3,850	3,237	912	865	13,254	12,312	p183	p187	n.y.a.	p389	p518	p48,678	74.8		
April	2,735	3,089	680	699	11,169	12,137	p169	p179	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0. (e) New series: Results of a sample survey which is subject to revision each year prior to the June quarter survey. For further information see paragraphs 4 and 5 of publication 5629.0.

### FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports		Value of total imports		Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Import price index All groups 1981-82 = 100.0	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
	\$m		\$m		Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.					
	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
<b>1983-84—</b>											
February	r2,005	2,012	5,037	4,835	206	113.1	-645	372	12,373	393	12,241
March	2,103	2,130			205		-727	148	12,217	989	12,297
April	1,990	1,649			205		-230			316	12,417
May	r2,144	2,559	5,064	5,062	206	114.6	-1,074	989	12,297		
June	r2,473	2,253			209		-661				
<b>1984-85—</b>											
July	r2,446	2,471			213		-1,095	1,164	12,632	962	12,618
August	r2,303	2,625	5,453	5,532	214	119.9	-800	1,206	12,431	531	12,431
September	r2,344	2,158			214		-1,176	936	12,024		
October	r2,316	2,608			213		-775	997	12,066		
November	r2,335	r2,454	5,318	5,474	211	119.6	-862	680	12,058		
December	2,123	1,836			212		-1,743	1,097	11,918		
January	r2,211	2,373			p214		-614	279	13,115		
February	r2,303	2,236	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p224	n.y.a.	-781	419	13,130		
March	2,288	2,870			n.y.a.		-680	207	13,988		
April	2,915	2,428			n.y.a.						

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

### INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)				Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m				New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
<b>1983-84—</b>												
February	3,374	3,664	5,397	5,459	3,223	3,655	1,770	1,889	37.4	38.5	12.2	12.2
March	3,641	3,675							42.8	40.7	14.4	12.8
April	3,457	3,701							34.7	39.1	11.6	12.5
May	3,807	3,688	5,450	5,607	3,538	3,549	1,802	1,308	46.2	41.0	14.8	13.2
June	3,540	3,703							42.9	40.9	14.6	13.3
<b>1984-85—</b>												
July	3,600	3,804							42.3	40.3	15.3	13.9
August	3,707	3,768	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	42.5	37.4	14.4	13.3
September	3,563	3,785							37.7	40.7	15.5	13.0
October	3,865	3,864							43.5	42.5	13.3	13.1
November	4,081	3,902	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	41.2	41.4	12.5	13.2
December	5,186	3,922							39.4	41.2	11.3	12.6
January	3,817	4,021							39.0	44.1	11.5	13.3
February	3,538	3,973	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	43.5	47.5	12.8	13.8
March	3,858	3,996	n.y.a.						48.8	r48.4	r15.6	14.4
April	n.y.a.								p42.3	p45.6	p14.7	p15.3

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

### WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)			Award rates of pay indexes, adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each index : Year 1980-81 = 100 unless otherwise stated)									
	All males	All females	All			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)	
1983-84—															
February	370.60	246.50	184.3	(b)1.05	132.0	129.2	120.9	112.6	133.7	135.5	142.0	135.5	115.9		
March			200.4												
April			208.7												
May	383.80	257.10	208.9	1.11	132.3	128.8	124.4	135.5	134.8	138.1	145.5	118.2	115.4		
June			209.0												
1984-85—															
July			209.2												
August	386.20	256.20	209.2	1.06	134.0	131.6	124.9	137.9	136.2	139.7	147.5	118.2	116.7		
September			209.4												
October			209.4												
November	389.50	255.10	209.5	1.22	135.9	131.5	128.1	140.2	137.6	140.9	150.5	120.8	116.9		
December			209.5												
January			209.6												
February	392.10	259.70	209.7	1.22	137.8	134.9	128.4	142.2	139.7	143.4	152.4	123.1	119.5		
March			209.7												
April			n.y.a.												

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0. (b) New series. Result of sample from ABS register. For further details see *Overtime, Australia, February 1984* (6310.0) and *New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0).

### BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building(s)		Materials used in building(s) than house building(s)		Price indexes	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84—															
January	759.0	953.7	9.9	12.4	180.3					445.0	147.5				
February	957.8	1,016.5	12.9	13.5	147.0	2,661.7	2,717.9	33.1	35.8	1450.3	148.4				
March	1,128.7	1,077.8	14.2	13.2	161.3					1456.4	149.2				
April	1,007.6	1,105.4	12.1	12.7	237.1					1458.2	150.2				
May	1,108.9	1,125.8	15.8	13.7	326.1	3,588.6	3,546.5	38.0	37.6	1462.0	150.9				
June	1,121.3	1,080.9	13.2	13.2	212.5					1465.1	151.5				
1984-85—															
July	1,183.4	1,125.8	13.9	13.8	160.4					1467.4	151.8				
August	1,215.9	1,144.2	15.1	14.3	190.2	p3,546.4	p3,369.5	p40.3	p38.4	1469.5	152.2				
September	1,007.0	1,054.3	12.4	12.6	160.5					1471.5	152.8				
October	1,216.4	1,119.6	14.0	12.7	165.2					1474.7	153.5				
November	1,447.0	1,356.1	14.6	14.0	347.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1476.0	p154.1	1,139.8	1,020.9	3,069.4	2,922.2
December	1,247.4	1,388.8	11.9	13.4	333.0					1477.1	p154.5				
January	983.1	1,193.3	11.6	13.9	151.8					1478.5	p154.9				
February	1,143.4	1,290.8	12.3	13.5	162.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1481.8	p155.8	p878.8	p1,035.1	p2,566.2	p2,955.8
March	1,361.7	1,362.6	13.4	12.9	180.5					n.y.a.					

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities 1966-67 = 100.0. (b) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0. (c) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

## FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent		Listed companies new money raised \$m		Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m		Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					Original	Seas. adj.			
<i>1983-84—</i>															
February	34,308	33,614	32,999	32,777	25,280	25,193	627	340	145	12.35	155.6			4,230	
March	33,899	33,724	33,414	32,994	25,836	26,129	600	368	155	12.70				4,381	
April	33,255	33,784	33,764	33,505	26,596	26,339	516	324	133	12.45				6,488	
May	33,745	34,075	33,707	33,795	26,569	26,268	635	374	152	12.55	731.5			6,114	
June	34,328	34,246	33,749	34,358	26,444	26,541	567	300	136	12.20				5,052	
<i>1984-85—</i>															
July	(f)34,077	(f)34,092	34,459	34,837	26,846	26,705	(g)590	(g)330	(g)117	12.10				4,241	
August	34,286	34,409	35,105	35,245	26,927	27,013	678	336	117	11.15	1,457.8			4,799	
September	34,650	34,830	35,562	35,686	27,390	27,421	630	285	112	11.85				3,875	
October	34,982	35,161	35,713	35,603	28,212	27,865	784	315	128	12.10				4,129	
November	35,079	35,282	36,139	35,897	28,202	28,098	745	334	111	12.50	461.6			4,638	
December	36,078	35,715	37,063	36,799	28,875	28,735	598	276	94	12.90				4,255	
January	36,101	35,662	38,005	38,047	29,356	29,618	702	302	98	12.50				4,140	
February	36,582	35,804	38,627	38,732	29,564	30,166	712	337	95	13.20	n.y.a.			4,635	
March	36,379	36,164	39,009	38,578	30,516	30,855	731	355	111	13.65				5,192	
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	39,816	39,512	31,632	31,318	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13.65				n.y.a.	

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (f) Break in series due to change in accounting arrangements by one bank. (g) From July 1984 the continuity of this series is affected by changes in coverage. For further information see the July 1984 to September 1984 issues of *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (5609.0).

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS**  
(Sm)

Quarter	Gross domestic product						Final consumption expenditure						Gross fixed capital expenditure					
	Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
AT CURRENT PRICES																		
<i>1983-84—</i>																		
September	43,285	44,389	1,481	2,412	41,804	41,977	27,337	27,475	7,250	7,382	5,869	5,984	3,480	3,704				
December	50,839	45,941	4,645	2,395	46,194	43,546	29,892	28,188	7,903	7,643	6,740	6,383	3,571	3,505				
March	45,771	47,668	2,311	2,400	43,460	45,268	27,843	28,881	7,538	8,046	5,693	6,331	3,539	4,018				
June	47,510	49,395	1,111	2,388	46,399	47,007	28,916	29,311	8,652	8,269	7,336	6,990	4,187	3,637				
<i>1984-85—</i>																		
September	48,719	49,789	1,435	2,208	47,284	47,581	29,594	29,871	8,607	8,759	6,562	6,621	3,951	4,207				
December	55,890	50,747	4,567	2,234	51,323	48,513	32,337	30,533	9,026	8,740	7,278	6,879	4,413	4,230				
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																		
<i>1983-84—</i>																		
September	30,793	31,531	1,536	2,161	29,257	29,370	19,479	19,605	5,127	5,218	4,209	4,284	2,373	2,522				
December	35,721	32,023	3,907	2,112	31,814	29,911	20,901	19,683	5,307	5,180	4,748	4,512	2,431	2,320				
March	31,218	32,544	1,968	2,096	29,250	30,448	19,124	19,878	5,133	5,425	4,031	4,470	2,326	2,640				
June	31,639	33,229	1,170	2,223	30,469	31,006	19,646	19,876	5,648	5,403	5,056	4,819	2,688	2,335				
<i>1984-85—</i>																		
September	32,385	33,073	1,542	2,054	30,843	31,019	19,779	20,002	5,599	5,692	4,460	4,488	2,519	2,681				
December	37,177	13,485	3,835	2,039	33,342	31,446	21,450	20,214	5,743	5,613	4,840	4,596	2,791	2,673				
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued																		
	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises																	
	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises		Other household income		Less direct taxes, etc. (a)		Household disposable income	
Quarter	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
<i>1983-84—</i>																		
September	7,396	7,086	6,528	6,467	5,232	5,266	9,794	10,333	23,049	23,245	497	13,117	5,242	31,421				
December	7,153	7,321	6,907	6,891	6,298	5,424	13,442	10,487	25,383	24,312	3,410	15,606	5,645	38,754				
March	7,626	7,736	6,980	7,110	5,629	6,380	10,316	10,843	23,844	24,524	1,202	13,303	7,097	31,252				
June	8,176	8,228	7,373	7,224	6,026	6,179	8,955	10,983	25,932	25,961	25	16,109	10,863	31,203				
<i>1984-85—</i>																		
September	9,698	9,286	8,017	8,070	6,093	6,136	10,855	11,163	25,935	26,265	327	15,110	7,093	34,280				
December	8,970	9,189	7,703	7,764	7,286	6,321	14,553	11,404	27,879	26,850	3,200	17,514	6,898	41,695				

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a)**  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

**UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b)**  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

**JOB  
VACANCIES**  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work		Total			Survey estimates
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons	
1983-84—														
February	4,436.2	4,400.6	2,668.0	2,660.9	7,104.2	7,061.5	413.2	228.6	96.4	435.8	302.3	237.8	738.2	(c)44.3
March	4,457.1	4,434.2	2,748.2	2,691.5	7,205.3	7,125.7	380.0	212.1	108.9	404.7	296.3	223.1	701.0	
April	4,422.2	4,430.7	2,733.5	2,723.9	7,155.8	7,154.6	364.3	207.7	104.8	385.6	291.2	244.5	676.7	
May	4,421.5	4,427.9	2,706.1	2,698.9	7,127.5	7,126.8	356.5	192.7	87.8	382.2	254.8	227.7	637.0	34.8
June	4,417.2	4,438.8	2,715.7	2,723.6	7,132.8	7,162.4	349.7	189.5	94.9	375.0	259.1	227.7	634.1	
1984-85—														
July	4,422.3	4,435.3	2,699.5	2,712.3	7,121.8	7,147.6	339.9	175.3	80.4	357.8	237.8	223.1	595.7	
August	4,393.9	4,435.5	2,673.0	2,701.3	7,066.9	7,136.8	359.0	165.1	80.5	381.5	264.6	244.5	604.6	37.6
September	4,435.8	4,422.4	2,758.4	2,735.7	7,194.2	7,158.1	349.1	168.9	103.3	376.8	291.2	227.7	621.3	
October	4,402.2	4,413.3	2,721.2	2,721.4	7,123.4	7,134.7	326.1	163.6	89.1	351.2	230.2	227.7	578.8	
November	4,397.2	4,427.0	2,740.2	2,736.1	7,137.4	7,163.1	324.1	166.9	83.0	341.1	230.2	227.7	571.3	39.8
December	4,462.6	4,416.1	2,788.1	2,744.6	7,250.7	7,160.7	345.3	181.8	100.0	375.1	252.1	227.7	622.1	
January	4,433.3	4,424.3	2,661.7	2,759.4	7,095.0	7,183.7	376.2	196.4	84.9	404.9	252.7	227.7	657.6	
February	4,462.9	4,432.0	2,787.0	2,785.3	7,249.9	7,217.2	369.0	207.4	97.2	390.4	283.2	227.7	673.6	55.0
March	4,470.5	4,447.8	2,835.7	2,778.7	7,306.2	7,226.5	362.7	193.7	115.3	389.7	282.0	227.7	671.7	
April	4,418.8	4,425.9	2,760.4	2,751.6	7,179.2	7,177.6	336.1	174.6	103.5	359.7	254.5	227.7	614.2	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed.

(b) Labour force survey estimates.

(c) New series. Result of sample from ABS register. For further details see Job Vacancies.

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**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES (a)**

PERSONS (<sup>'000</sup>)

Month	Australia													Total
	Government													
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Common- wealth	State(b)	Local	Total	Total
1983—														
October	1,793.2	1,368.4	747.5	439.3	449.7	137.4	45.9	102.8	3,439.7	412.6	1,087.9	144.0	1,644.5	5,084.2
November	1,807.6	1,378.1	747.1	442.6	451.4	138.8	45.7	104.7	3,468.7	418.0	1,086.6	144.8	1,647.3	5,116.0
December	1,803.1	1,379.3	739.3	445.5	454.4	139.9	44.8	105.6	3,481.0	417.4	1,076.0	145.3	1,630.8	5,111.8
January	1,753.2	1,339.7	730.7	431.8	430.7	134.7	43.7	102.8	3,375.1	417.4	1,031.6	143.3	1,592.4	4,967.5
February	1,782.4	1,367.0	739.3	441.4	437.4	137.0	44.3	104.5	3,426.6	420.1	1,059.5	147.3	1,626.8	5,053.4
March	1,796.5	1,374.0	743.6	443.1	441.6	138.6	44.8	107.1	3,434.0	422.1	1,084.2	149.1	1,655.4	5,089.4
April	1,799.1	1,370.0	747.9	447.8	448.2	138.9	45.5	107.6	3,427.0	421.7	1,091.1	151.1	1,664.2	5,104.9
May	1,787.4	1,369.3	758.3	450.3	451.4	139.3	46.2	108.9	3,461.2	422.3	1,081.8	152.8	1,656.8	5,111.1
June	1,808.3	1,378.1	756.7	448.5	451.2	136.5	46.8	108.6	3,453.9	419.5	1,105.1	154.3	1,678.9	5,132.8
1984—														
July	1,822.1	1,386.6	762.2	448.4	454.9	139.5	47.1	108.6	3,491.1	420.3	1,103.6	154.2	1,678.1	5,169.2
August	1,828.5	1,393.3	767.6	450.7	457.3	139.5	47.1	108.8	3,512.3	421.6	1,104.4	154.5	1,680.5	5,192.8
September	1,825.9	1,403.5	766.7	447.5	456.7	137.5	47.4	107.4	3,515.8	421.0	1,101.6	154.3	1,676.6	5,192.8
October	1,832.9	1,426.0	770.9	452.3	463.1	141.1	49.5	110.2	3,562.4	423.6	1,106.0	153.9	1,683.6	5,246.0
November	1,834.3	1,433.4	773.4	454.6	467.5	143.2	49.4	111.6	3,588.1	425.9	1,102.2	153.2	1,679.3	5,267.4
December	1,835.8	1,429.4	769.0	456.3	464.4	142.6	49.0	110.6	3,593.8	427.0	1,083.4	152.9	1,663.3	5,257.1

(a) New Series. Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia (6248.0) and Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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